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**EVENT: Sentencing**

**Defendant: Stephen Jackson**

**MAN JAILED FOR FAILING TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT**

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United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today that a New York man was sentenced yesterday afternoon to 16 months in federal prison for failing to pay almost \$130,000 in child support for his two Michigan children.

Stephen Jackson, 52, a General Motors employee who has lived and worked in New York for quite some time, was sentenced by United States District Judge Julian Abele Cook, Jr. In addition to the prison sentence, Judge Cook also ordered Jackson to pay restitution in the amount of the child support arrearage as of the date of sentencing, which was \$129,929.11.

Jackson pleaded guilty in May 2006 to one count of Failure to Pay Child Support. At the time of his plea, Jackson admitted to the Court that from December 1995 to the present, he failed to pay child support which was ordered by the Wayne County Circuit Court (now Third Circuit Court) with respect to his two children who resided in Michigan with their mother.

U.S. Attorney Murphy said, “Any parents who fail to meet their court-ordered obligations to support their children should realize that the costs of such irresponsibility can be quite high, up to and including federal prison.”

Mr. Murphy thanked the Department of Human Services, Office of Inspector General, for their successful investigation of the case. This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frances Lee Carlson.